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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Hiromichi KOMORI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/904,908

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: July 16, 2001

Examiner: A. Dunwoody

For: ELASTIC SHAFT COUPLING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
COUPLING ELEMENT

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002,
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in this application
the species designated Group 1, Figures 1-6. Claims 1-7
are readable on the elected species.

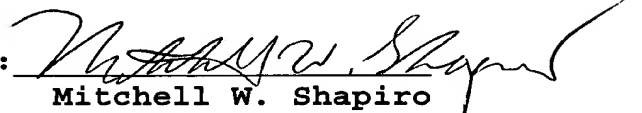
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more
divisional patent applications with regard to the non-
elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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